

RECOGNIZING WORLD
ALZHEIMER'S MONTH**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's Disease.

As we recognize September as World Alzheimer's Month, I want to thank the many advocates, caregivers, and health professionals who provide support for those who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease, and the medical researchers who are working so hard to discover better treatments and cures. I especially want to recognize the work of the Alzheimer's Association, including the Greater Illinois Chapter, that is working to reduce stigma and eliminate Alzheimer's Disease.

Alzheimer's Disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, and it is the only cause of death among the top 10 that today cannot be prevented, cured, or even slowed. Every 68 seconds, an American develops Alzheimer's Disease. It is estimated that this year, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's Disease, including 210,000 people aged 65 or older in Illinois. In addition to the physical and emotional toll of those afflicted with Alzheimer's and their families, there are immense costs associated with caring for those with Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Association not only makes critical investments into Alzheimer's research but also provides support groups, education programs, and other resources to patients, caregivers, and families. More than 15 million Americans will provide unpaid care valued at \$210 billion to individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's and other dementias. As the co-chair of the House Democratic Caucus Seniors Task Force, I am committed to accelerating our efforts to help patients and caregivers.

Today, September 21, is "Go Purple" day to highlight the need to end Alzheimer's. I hope that we also remember today that Congress needs to act to help meet that goal, while also making sure that individuals living with Alzheimer's and those who care for them receive the assistance they need and deserve. Last May, the first ever National Alzheimer's Plan was released, laying out the needs and the opportunities before us—in public education, treatment, support services, and research. We need to adopt their positive recommendations, but we also need to make sure that we move forward, not backwards.

We cannot make short-sighted cuts to medical research, including the National Institutes of Health, that will delay the discovery of new treatments and cures. This year, it will cost \$200 billion, including \$140 billion from Medicare and Medicaid, to provide care for those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. This cost is estimated to soar to \$1.1 trillion by 2050. Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid would be devastating to Alzheimer's patients and caregivers, and arbitrary cuts to Older Americans Act programs will leave individuals and caregivers without the supports they need.

I urge my colleagues and their staff to join me to recognize September as World Alzheimer's Month and commit to developing and implementing strategies to address Alzheimer's disease.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, on September 20, 2012, I unfortunately missed one vote, rollcall No. 588. If I had been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 588.

HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF CHARLES "CHARLIE" MICHAEL

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished career of Charles "Charlie" Michael. For over 40 years, Charlie has served as a soldier in the United States Army, as a contractor at the Department of Defense, and as a civilian in the Department of the Army.

Charlie began his career in the United States Army as military policeman in 1968, serving in Okinawa, Vietnam, and Washington, DC. After separating from active duty in 1972, Charlie attended Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in psychology. Following graduation from Lycoming, Charlie began working as a Family Court Hearing and Enforcement Officer. During that time, he also enlisted in the Army Reserve.

In 1981, Charlie entered the Army Active Guard Reserve Program as an executive officer, and held other posts throughout the 1980s. In 1998, Charlie retired from the Army Budget Office as the Army Reserve Liaison at the rank of Major.

After retiring from active duty, Charlie became a contractor and supported the Army Reserve Operations Division until 2003. Later, he became Deputy Division Chief for the Programming and Resource Division where he spearheaded significant improvements in readiness levels for Army units and individuals.

I first met Charlie when he arrived in my office in 2009 as an Army Fellow. During his time with us, Charlie worked on legislation important to veterans like H.R. 4279, which would allow veterans to receive educational assistance on an accelerated basis if they met certain criteria. Charlie's most important contribution to this office, though, may well be the delicious Coca-Cola Cake that he loved to make and that we all loved to enjoy.

As he retires from his long and distinguished career, I am certain that Charlie looks forward to moving to South Carolina with his wife Diane, and spending more time with his family including his son Brian, his daughter Christine, and his grandchildren Kaitlyn, Paige, and Samantha.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Charles "Charlie" Michael and his service to this country in so many different capacities. It was an honor to have him work in my office. His tireless commitment and dedication to public service and the Armed Forces will be missed, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance at the funeral of a dear friend, I was unable to be present for votes in the House on Friday, September 21. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the Markey Amendment No. 1, Waxman Amendment, Markey Amendment No. 5, Jackson Lee Amendment, Markey Amendment No. 10, and the DeFazio Amendment. I would have voted "nay" on the Kelly Amendment, the McKinley Amendment, the Berg Amendment, and the Gosar Amendment. I would have voted "yea" on the Democratic motion to recommit, and "nay" on final passage of H.R. 3409.

IN HONOR OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAUREN HAYNES

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Lauren Haynes, one of my constituents in Pennsylvania's 8th District.

Thanks to Lauren's tireless efforts in pursuing excellence in education, she has been awarded the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Offered to the families of union members, the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship is a highly competitive program which rewards applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to their education.

Thomas Jefferson deeply valued a good education, once declaring that "above all things I hope the education of the people will be attended to; convinced that on their good sense we may rely with the most security for the preservation of a due degree of liberty."

Lauren has carried on this American tradition of academic excellence, and I wish her the best of luck as she continues her work at Drexel University this Fall.

DISAPPROVING RULE RELATING TO WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 118 because I believe Congress must act to preserve a principle that has helped lift millions of American families out of poverty. The principle is simple: Able-bodied welfare recipients should engage in work. And we know for a fact, based on the success of welfare reform, that this principle works. More than sixteen years of strong work requirements have demonstrated that a job and a